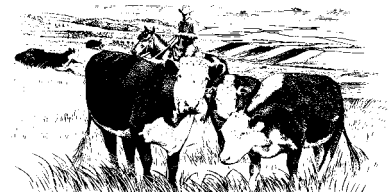


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CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 385 thousand head on February 1, 1999, 4 percent below last month and 3 percent below February 1998. During January, placements of 45.0 thousand head were 10 percent below the previous year. Marketings of 55.0 thousand head were 10 percent above January 1998. Other disappearance totaled 5.00 thousand head.

Marketings of fed cattle during January totaled 2.02 million, 2 percent above 1998 and slightly above 1997. Other disappearance totaled 70.0 thousand during January, 29 percent below 1998 and 24 percent below 1997.

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 3 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter markets in the United States for 1,000+ capacity feedlots totaled 10.50 million head on February 1, 1999. The inventory was 3 percent below February 1, 1998, but 2 percent above February 1, 1997. Placements in feedlots during January totaled 1.92 million, 11 percent above 1998 and 2 percent above 1997. Net placements were 1.85 million. During January, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 379 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 623 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 599 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 322 thousand.

CATTLE ON FEED DOWN 3 PERCENT IN HISTORIC SEVEN STATES

Cattle on feed in the historic seven states for 1,000+ capacity feedlots totaled 8.91 million on February 1, 1999. This was down 3 percent from the previous year, but 1 percent above February 1, 1997. Placements in feedlots during January totaled 1.67 million, 12 percent above 1998 and slightly above 1997. Marketings during January totaled 1.74 million, 3 percent above 1998 and 1 percent above 1997. Other disappearance during January was 47.0 thousand head, 40 percent below 1998 and 28 percent below 1997.

CATTLE AND CALVES: NUMBER ON FEED IN 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS IN SEVEN SELECTED STATES

SAFETY AND GREYER: NUMBER ON FEED IN 1,999: CAPACITY FEEDLOTS IN SEVEN SELECTED STATES

State	Number on feed January 1 ^{1/}			Placed During January		Marketed During January	
	1998	1999	1999/1998	1998	1999	1998	1999
	Thousand Head						
Arizona	245	206	84	21	25	24	28
California	400	400	100	50	45	50	55
Colorado	1,120	1,140	102	230	260	230	250
Iowa	360	335	93	46	56	40	40
Kansas	2,310	2,110	91	360	410	470	490
Nebraska	2,170	2,110	97	390	450	400	400
Texas	2,850	2,720	95	395	425	475	475
Seven-State Total	9,455	9,021	95	1,492	1,671	1,689	1,738
State	Other Disappearance During January ^{2/}		Number on Feed February 1		1999/1998		
	1998	1999	1998	1999			
	Thousand Head					Percent	
Arizona	22	1	220	202	92		
California	5	5	395	385	97		
Colorado	20	10	1,100	1,140	104		
Iowa	1	1	365	350	96		
Kansas	10	10	2,190	2,020	92		
Nebraska	10	10	2,150	2,150	100		
Texas	10	10	2,760	2,660	96		
Seven-State Total	78	47	9,180	8,907	97		

^{1/} Cattle and calves on feed are animals being fed for slaughter market on grain or other concentrates, and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

^{2/} Includes death losses, movement from feedlot to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding

CATTLE AND CALVES BY CLASSES, CANADA AND U.S., JANUARY 1, 1998-99 ^{1/}

Class	Canada ^{2/}			United States ^{3/}		
	1998	1999	1999/1998	1998	1999	1999/1998
	Thousands		Percent	Thousands		Percent
All Cattle & Calves	13,072	12,810	98	99,744	98,522	99
All Cows:	5,483	5,392	98	43,084	42,615	99
Beef	4,248	4,171	98	33,885	33,472	99
Milk	1,235	1,221	99	9,199	9,143	99
Heifers 500 Lbs. +	1,913	1,859	97	19,800	19,604	99
Beef Replacement	636	619	97	5,764	5,550	96
Milk Replacement	521	505	97	3,986	4,060	102
Other Heifers	756	735	97	10,051	9,994	99
Steers 500 Lbs. +	1,004	941	94	17,189	16,836	98
Bulls 500 Lbs. +	237	230	97	2,270	2,276	100
Calves Less Than 500 Lbs.	4,435	4,388	99	17,401	17,190	99
	1997	1998	1998/1997	1997	1998	1998/1997
Calf Crop	5,292	5,205	98	38,961	38,582	99

^{1/} Totals may not add due to rounding.

^{2/} Source: Livestock and Annual Products Section, Statistics Canada.

^{3/} Source: National Agricultural Statistics Service.

CALIFORNIA GRAZING FEES ANNUAL AVERAGE

Survey Average Rates ^{1/}

Year	Per Animal Unit ^{2/}	Cow-Calf	Per Head
	Dollars Per Month		
1998	11.50	14.50	12.90
1997	10.60	13.00	12.00
1996	10.10	12.20	11.90
1995	10.50	12.80	11.10
1994	11.00	13.10	11.80
1993	10.40	13.30	11.20
1992	10.09	13.29	12.09
1991	9.61	11.63	12.37
1990	9.81	13.00	10.46
1989	10.72	12.22	11.39

^{1/} The average rates are estimates (rates over \$10.00 are rounded to the nearest dime) based on survey indications of monthly lease rates for private, non-irrigated grazing land from the January Agricultural Survey.

^{2/} Includes animal unit plus cow-calf rates. Cow-calf rate converted to animal unit (AUM) using (1 aum=cow-calf *0.833).

CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California production of red meat during January 1999 totaled 89.1 million pounds (dressed weight), 3 percent below last month, and 1 percent below January 1998. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In January 1999 the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,291 pounds; calves, 123 pounds; and hogs, 216 pounds.

U.S. COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER RED MEAT PRODUCTION VIRTUALLY UNCHANGED

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.83 billion pounds in January, down slightly from the 3.84 billion pounds produced in January 1998.

January 1998 contained 22 weekdays (including two holidays) and five Saturdays. January 1999 contained 21 weekdays (including two holidays) and five Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.17 billion pounds, was 1 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.96 million head, down 3 percent from 1998. The average live weight was up 23 pounds from the previous year to 1,220 pounds.

Veal production totaled 17.0 million pounds, 26 percent below January a year ago and 23 percent below the previous record low for January set in 1993. Calf slaughter totaled 105 thousand head, down 18 percent from January 1998. The average live weight, at 279 pounds, was 26 pounds below last year.

Pork production totaled 1.63 billion pounds, down slightly from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 8.55 million head, slightly below 1998. The average live weight was unchanged from the previous year, at 259 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production totaled 18.0 million pounds, down 14 percent from January 1998 and 10 percent below the previous record low for January set in 1997. Sheep slaughter totaled 268 thousand head, 13 percent below last year. The average live weight was 134 pounds, down 2 pounds from January a year ago.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, JANUARY 1998-99 ^{1/} ^{2/}

Species & Location	Number Slaughtered		Total Live Weight		Average Live Weight	
	1998	1999	1998	1999	1998	1999
	1,000 Head		1,000 Pounds		Pounds	
CATTLE						
California	89.8	80.9	111,779	104,388	1,245	1,291
U.S.	3,039.4	2,961.6	3,638,045	3,612,770	1,197	1,220
CALVES						
California	19.0	14.9	4,720	1,836	248	123
U.S.	128.0	104.6	39,000	29,176	305	279
SHEEP & LAMBS						
California	---	---	---	---	---	---
U.S.	309.6	268.2	42,214	35,881	136	134
HOGS						
California	182.9	208.6	38,318	45,122	210	216
U.S.	8,589.1	8,548.9	2,224,753	2,213,985	259	259
RED MEAT	January 1998	December 1999	January 1999	Jan. 99 Jan. 98	Jan. 99 Dec. 98	
	Million Pounds			Percent		
California	90.1	91.6	89.1	99	97	
U.S.	3,835.5	3,943.5	3,832.2	100	97	

^{1/} Farm slaughter excluded.

^{2/} Data for 1998 were revised.

FARM PRICES: AVERAGE PRICE RECEIVED BY FARMERS, CALIFORNIA AND U.S. ^{1/}

Commodity	Unit	California			United States		
		January 1998	December 1998	Jan. 15, 1999	January 1998	December 1998	Jan. 15, 1999
		Dollars					
All Hay, Baled ^{2/}	Ton	121.00	79.00	78.00	94.70	78.40	78.80
Alfalfa, Baled ^{2/}	Ton	122.00	79.00	79.00	102.00	81.40	81.40
Hogs ^{3/} ^{4/}	Cwt.	---	---	---	36.00	14.70	25.70
Cows ^{4/}	Cwt.	32.50	30.30	33.50	34.50	30.80	33.10
Steers and Heifers ^{4/}	Cwt.	65.00	60.00	61.50	66.10	60.30	62.40
Calves ^{4/}	Cwt.	72.00	73.30	77.50	86.60	80.20	81.90
Sheep ^{4/}	Cwt.	35.50	28.50	28.50	42.00	30.30	---
Lambs ^{4/}	Cwt.	81.50	65.00	68.00	78.40	64.50	---
Milk Cows ^{5/}	Head	1,220.00	---	1,340.00	---	---	---
Milk Whsle. ^{4/}	Cwt.	14.00	17.00	16.40	14.70	18.00	17.70

^{1/} The estimated prices in the table represent composite average prices received by farmers and are averages for all grades, classes, and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

^{2/} California's January 15, 1999 price includes larger than normal percentage of low quality hay sales.

^{3/} Price includes barrows, gilts, and sows.

^{4/} Previous month revised to monthly average.

^{5/} Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published January, April, July and October.

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